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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Susan Shuk Yin Lee  
TAKESHI YAMAWAKI ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2852  
Appln. No.: 09/729,279 )  
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Filed: December 5, 2000 )  
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For: OPTICAL SCANNING )  
: APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING :  
: APPARATUS, AND METHODS )  
: OF PERFORMING OPTICAL :  
: SCANNING USING OPTICAL )  
: SCANNING APPARATUS AND :  
: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS ) March 17, 2005

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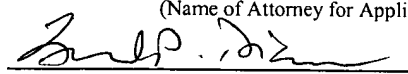
Sir:

Preliminary to continued prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 14.

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